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TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on
Monday, October 3, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room,
Town Hall, 242 Union Street Rockland, Massachusetts 02370**

**ATTENDANCE: Louis U. Valanzola, Lawrence J. Chaffee, Mary A. Parsons,
Keven D. Pratt and Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon**

Veteran's Agent Anton Materna led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: LCPL James P. Mellen - Was presented a plaque in grateful appreciation for serving his country with dedication, dignity and integrity. Your service to our country assures that we here at home will feel protected and our freedoms will be available to enjoy as this battle against terrorism continues. We are proud of your service to your country and we are proud to count you among our friends in Rockland. Thank you and congratulations on your return to the States; we are grateful that you were able to return home safely. Mr. Materna presented James with a pin from a business in Town that wishes to remain anonymous at this time to honor him for serving his country and providing us with the freedoms that we have at this time.

PRESENTATION: A check was presented from the Cobbett Family to the Rockland Fire Department in the amount of \$482.00 which was the proceeds made from their pancake and sausage breakfast. The Cobbett Family indicated that they would be doing this again next year. Chief Sammon – It was a good breakfast. We are very grateful anytime we get support like this. Mrs. Cobbett – You do an awful lot for people who use your service.

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes – June 27, 2005 – Open Session

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve minutes of June 27, 2005

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

2. Minutes – August 22, 2005 – Open Session

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve minutes of August 22, 2005

Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon

Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Pratt abstained)

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Awning – 151 Union Street – Dan Maimaron

Mr. Maimaron was not in audience.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to table

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

2. Common Victualler Application – Harmon Golf & Fitness

Mr. Valanzola asked for a copy of the liability certificate.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve pending liability certificate

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

3. Keno License Request – Themis Pizza

Mr. Plante explained that the BOS has to let the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission know that they do not object to this license transfer.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee we do not object to Themis Pizza Keno license transfer

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

4. Public Hearing – Transfer of Liquor License – Themis Pizza

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to open hearing on transfer of liquor license for
Themis Pizza**

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

Themis' attorney spoke in regard to the transfer of ownership to K.A.M. Pizza, Inc., dba Themis Pizza with new manager John Kesaris. BOS requested copy of liability insurance and Tips Cards.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to close hearing

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Public Hearing – Transfer of Liquor License – Themis Pizza

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve pending liability certificate & TIPS

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

5. Common Victualler & Automatic Amusement transfer – Themis Pizza

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Common Victualler – Themis Pizza

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Automatic Amusement – Themis Pizza

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

6. Lodging House License transfer – 5 Union Street

Mr. Chaffee – Are you planning any changes to the building? Jeff Reale – We are just looking to fix the building not change it. We have contacted the historical district looking for grants to at least try and do the exterior over. Mr. Hebert (Historical Commission) wasn't aware this was on the agenda but will talk with Jeff Reale later. Mrs. Parsons – I know there were grants out there with low interest loans (there may be some conditions that you have to meet and abide by) definitely get in touch with them. I know they are out there for historical districts.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve transfer

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

7. Fire Chief – Sprinkler System Information

Chief Sammon – Several months ago Chief Whiting (Abington) and I went to the Water Department and tried to get a waiver of connection fee for sprinkler systems in existing buildings. I'm happy to say that after a meeting on September 26th, Rockand/Abington Joint Water Works agreed to waive the fee. Chief Sammon read this decision and explained why it was good for the Town of Rockland. Mrs. Parsons – On the buildings that have sprinkler systems....are they tested periodically to make sure they are working properly? Chief Sammon – They are advised to have it tested twice a year by a sprinkler company and have a report sent to the Fire Department. We are in the process of making sure that they adhere to the new law. The building inspector is also involved in this and it is also going to involve a ticketing process that residences/business that do not have the up-to-

C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

7. Fire Chief – Sprinkler System Information (Continued)

date laws in effect. It's all new and we will be bringing it up at a later date when the building inspector is here. It is a big plus for Rockland, believe me. Mrs. Parsons – what is the new law? Chief Sammon – Sprinklers will be required in any establishment that has 100 people or more....I'll have all the paperwork for you it is rather involved and I don't want to get in to all of it right now. Mr. Chaffee – This is a three-year window? They have three-years from the time of notification. Chief Sammon – That is correct. Mr. Pratt – How many buildings would fall under this? Chief Sammon – At this time we are still tabulating how many are involved and who actually fits into that criteria. The building inspector will be here to explain it all with us so that we will all be on the same page. *(Chief Sammon reminded everyone about the Open House at the Fire Station on October 15th from 10:00AM-2:00 PM.)* We are also requesting that the top part of Pacific Street be blocked and we would like your permission to do that. We will be sending notices to the people on Pacific Street to let them know we are blocking the top of the street for that period of time.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve blocking top of Pacific Street

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

1. Request for Awning – 151 Union Street – Dan Maimaron (Continued)

Mr. Plante – Dan Maimaron has arrived for the request for awning.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to take this issue off table

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

Mr. Maimaron apologized for his tardiness. He gave an overview of some of the awnings he has done in Rockland. He loves his work. His father and grandfather also did awnings. He feels his work is a beautification of the community. Specifications on the size, weight and material of the awning were discussed. Mrs. Parsons – Have you spoken to the Building Inspector? Mr. Maimaron – This is what I need to do. I have to get permission from you first then speak to the Building Inspector.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve awning

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

8. Holiday Stroll Permit

Mr. Valanzola read a letter from Pam Murphy (Rockland Friends) regarding the Holiday Stroll. The proposed date is Saturday, December 3, 2005 from 4-7 PM.

C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

8. Holiday Stroll Permit (Continued)

Any inquiries/calls can be forward to Pam Murphy @ 781-982-9239. Once the date is approved we can begin the rest of the planning.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve December 3, 2005 for Holiday Stroll

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

9. Trinity Episcopal Church – One Day Liquor License on October 22, 2005

Elaine Miller spoke regarding a one day liquor license to dedicate their new parish hall. They are planning an Open House from 4-6 PM and at 6:30 PM they are also having a dinner dance for all our parishioners that donated all their time and talents to get our hall done.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve one day license for Trinity Episcopal Church

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

D. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I have three items tonight. I would like to report that the Capital Planning Committee applications have not been well let's just say people aren't beating down the door to apply. The School Committee did appoint one individual. So we have one individual appointed to the committee. We still have six (6) openings: two to be appointed by the Selectmen; two to be appointed by Moderator and two to be appointed by the Finance Committee. I did have a discussion with some of the members of the BOS and if you desire you probably could appoint one of your own members. There is no reference to it in the legislation. I also would note that in the legislation it does allow a member of the Finance Committee to sit on this committee. That's rather unusual because statutorily the Finance Committee is not supposed to be able to sit on any other board or committee. This is a very important committee and they have some specific dates in the Spring that they have to meet. So I hope we can get some folks together and maybe even get three or four people to get it started. They would be expected under the legislation to be prepared to make recommendations to the Spring Town Meeting. The first year is going to be quite a bit of work to do. They will have to go to every single department to determine what their capital needs are projected over the next five to ten years. Then they have to set priorities and make their recommendations to the May Town Meeting. Depending (of course) on how much money is available. I hope if anyone is listening that has a desire to get involved...this would be a great committee to get on. It's going to be very important in the next coming years. Particularly with the funds that will become available because of the airbase. Again, I don't know whether the board has any interest in one of your members being on this committee or not but maybe it is

D. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (Continued)

something that you may want to consider. Mr. Pratt – Maybe someone with a financial background. (Laughter) Mr. Valanzola – Maybe we'll draw straws later.

The second item I have is that tomorrow (in response from your directive to me) a Mass Highway engineer will be meeting with myself and Lt. Ashton at 4:00PM at Walgreens to review the traffic light situation there. We are going to meet at Walgreens so if any members of the BOS are available you are welcome to join us.

The budget cycle process for FY07 will be starting very shortly. Within the next week or so I will be holding a Department Head meeting passing out the worksheets for the coming year. My feelings are that in view of where we are right now, other than contractual and fixed costs, we should not be looking at any increases in anything next year. We should be looking at a level funded budget until we get our feet on the ground and these other revenues start coming in. I didn't know if the BOS wanted to put out some guidance at this point. Mr. Valanzola – It may be helpful to have a board member or two available at the meeting. I will schedule something in the next week or two and let the BOS know.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Bill Bean to Peter Dow: I have been thinking for some time that it may be best if I were to resign from my full membership on the Historical Commission. I have gone back to work and have had to rearrange my schedule to accommodate my new job.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to accept Bill Bean's resignation from the Historical Commission with regret

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

Letter from Beverly Borges, COA, regarding an update on the new COA van. As soon as the van is received they will be in touch with Mr. Plante and BC/BS for the presentation.

Letter from Chief Sammon to Pacific Street residents regarding the Open House at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 15th from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Pacific Street will be closed from Union Street to the rear entrance of Supreme Deli. An invitation was extended to all residents to attend the Open House.

D. OPEN FORUM

Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon - I have a letter from the library announcing that Tiny Tots Story times will begin on October 12th from 10-10:30AM and Pre-School Story Time will begin on October 13th from 10:30-11:15AM and will continue throughout the year.

D. OPEN FORUM (Continued)

Mr. Pratt – I would like to thank everyone who attended Rockland Youth Soccer's 30th anniversary. The kids did a great job and they had a lot of fun. I wish a lot more people could have attended but it was a blowout...there were a lot of people there. The parade was well received. I would like to thank the Rockland Fire and Police Departments for their support during the parade in making sure everyone got safely to the stadium for the days events. I would also like to thank the representatives and senators who showed up along with the members of this board.

Mrs. Parsons – I have nothing at this time.

Mr. Chaffee – I had the budget but Brad took care of that and I had Rockland Youth Soccer and Keven took care of that. I met with the Internet Committee to talk about issues regarding the internet. They would like all Town boards and elected officials to please start submitting information to them. This website will only be as good as the Town of Rockland is in submitting information. It is important that the website remain current and has useful information that residents can use to conduct their business for the Town and have information on what is going on in Rockland. With that in mind I would like this board to consider posting the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings on the website. This website would be the ideal place. I think if we lead the way other people may follow. Mrs. Parsons – This is where it should be.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to post minutes of Selectmen's Meetings on website

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

Last Wednesday night the Plymouth County Commissioners had their monthly meeting here at Rockland Town Hall. It will be broadcast on cable on Tuesday, Wednesday and maybe tonight. Anyone who would like to have information on what county government is all about...John Buckley from the Registrars Office will be speaking on the Registry of Deeds and what that does for the county and Rosalie Rodick who is the County Administrator (similar to the position Brad holds with us for the Town of Rockland) to talk about what the commissioners do. It was an interesting meeting and it was not too long and I think anyone who has a chance to see it will be interested in finding out what country government is all about.

Mr. Valanzola – Thanked everyone who came out for the parade and also all the volunteers. As Mr. Plante mentioned, we need people to get on the Capital Planning Committee. It's a very important committee and we are a little bit behind for next years Town Meeting. We really want to get moving on that.

Chief Sammon – Wanted you to know that the Deputy Chief's car is now out of service. We were informed a week ago that the frame was rotted out and is no longer useable. I know the budget is tight but I would like to request a 4-wheel drive vehicle from the Town this year if possible. Chief Sammon gave history of vehicles in his fleet. He would appreciate the BOS considering this. Mr. Plante – Gave a synopsis of monies

D. OPEN FORUM (Continued)

we have available (possibility of using the H.U.D. money for this vehicle). BOS had concerns regarding roofs to be fixed and other expenses but agrees Fire Department needs a new vehicle. Mr. Chaffee suggested that we take this under advisement. It would be dangerous for us to take a vote tonight and end up short changed. Mr. Plante – I think what the BOS is saying that if the remaining BC/BS money isn't enough to do both roofs that we would have to fall back to the H.U.D. money. Mr. Valanzola – Can we get some numbers together for leasing. You can lease to purchase or just lease and turn it back in and get another one. Chief Sammon will look into this tomorrow. Discussion on roofs continued. Mr. Plante - Chief Sammon will have estimates for our next meeting and by then we may have an idea of how much the roofs are going to cost.

Andy Traintaffelow – Spoke about the roads in Town. We are ripping up roads and not finishing them. VFW Drive coming around that curve someone is going to get killed. I don't know why they stopped there and went somewhere else? I spoke to Bob Corvi today and asked him. He said, "Andy, I've got 4 guys. What do you want me to do?" I can't go anywhere; I have to stay with one place. So I was thinking is there any way we can go into the emergency funds and take out so much money and pay four or five guys just to fill in potholes... just until December. We have to do something, this is really terrible. Everybody is squawking. One of these days they are going to come down and lynch you and I'll be pulling the rope. You can give them more money but they still have the same number of crew. Mrs. Parsons – We are not the ones in charge of it. Mr. Valanzola – Their budget has been decimated. Andy – I was talking to a person on Moncrief Drive and he said his kids can't ride their bikes on the street because the potholes swallow them up. The contractor that did Hingham Street and VFW Drive....why didn't he come back and finish it? It's not even finished. BOS – They have to raise the covers and the grates before they can finish. Mrs. Parsons – I know what Andy is talking about....on Weymouth Street they left one section undone and another section is complete and it's been that way for a couple of weeks. Mr. Valanzola – Maybe they should put some signage there. It might be a good idea to get people to slow down there. Mr. Pratt – I spoke to Bob today and it should be done by the end of the week. Mrs. Parsons – It's not just an issue of Bob only having four guys, he has contractor's doing these roads and they are not done. Mr. Valanzola – Nobody will dispute that they are under funded. Andy – I know that but they need help and the Finance Committee keeps cutting them. That's why he doesn't have any people, it's because of them (FinCom). But you people appoint the Finance Committee. BOS – No we don't. Andy – I didn't know that.

D. OPEN FORUM (Continued)

BOS – Happy Birthday to the Town Administrator and Larry too.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adjourn at 8:01 PM to Executive Session for the purposes of Collective Bargaining and Litigation and not to reconvene.

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0 Mr. Chaffee-yes, Mrs. Parsons-yes, Mr. Pratt – yes, Mrs. O’Brien-McKinnon-yes and Mr. Valanzola-yes

LAWRENCE J. CHAFFEE
VICE-CHAIRMAN

BRADLEY A. PLANTE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR